

Effective Application of ISMS through Multiple Contractors at AMWTP

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Multiple Contractors Needed for AMWTP Success

- North Wind, Inc. (NWI)
 - Subcontractor to BBWI
 - Provides mixed low-level waste profiling, data verification and shipping services
- Central Characterization Project (CCP)
 - M&O contractor to Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) deployed at AMWTP
 - Provides TRU waste characterization, certification and shipping services





Why is ISM Important?

- Significant consequences could result from mistakes
- High customer and stakeholder expectations
 - "99.99% compliance is 100% noncompliant" Kerry Watson (CBFO Deputy Manager)
- Implementing ISM principles supports 100% compliance which keeps everyone safe







Strong Teamwork Supports ISM





ISM Core Functions

- Defined Scope of Work
 - DOE-ID/BBWI Contract
 - BBWI/NWI Contract
- Identify Hazards
 - Safety hazards
 - NWI conducted hazard analysis
 - BBWI conducted hazard analysis
 - Waste hazards
 - Utilize Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) acceptable knowledge documentation
 - Utilize WIPP characterization capabilities





- Identify Hazards
 - Contractor interface
 - Utilized Six Sigma process engineering
 - Conducted failure modes and effects analysis
 - BBWI conducted independent contractor interface assessment





Hazard Mitigation

- Safety hazards
 - NWI Health and Safety Plan provides mitigation to identified safety hazards that are implemented into NWI procedures
 - AMWTP work control provides mitigation
 - Routine BBWI "Power Walk" area assessments

Waste hazards

- Incorporated rigorous data verification process
- BBWI shipping personnel oversee and validate all shipments
- Competence Commensurate with Responsibility (both BBWI and NWI)
- Utilizing NWI ensures independent review and minimizes disruption to BBWI's TRU activities





Hazard Mitigation

- Contractor interface
 - BBWI and NWI procedures clearly define roles, responsibilities and interfaces
 - BBWI assigns a Subcontract Technical Representative (STR) as single point of contact
 - NWI's procedures are reviewed and approved by BBWI to ensure work performed is within AMWTP's authorization basis
 - BBWI performs routine assessments on NWI
 - BBWI assesses commercial MLLW treatment and disposal facilities





Perform Work

- All NWI work is performed under BBWI's Work Control Program
- All NWI work is authorized through BBWI's Plan of the Day (POD) process
- All NWI maintenance is performed under BBWI's work control process
- Dedicated BBWI Senior Operations manager assigned to ensure proper field support and compliance
- Dedicated BBWI waste handlers and RadCon personnel to NWI
- Dedicated area in Transuranic Storage Area-Retrieval Enclosure (TSA-RE) for NWI work





- Feedback/Continuous Improvement
 - Pre-job and post-job briefings
 - Weekly operational and programmatic status meetings
 - End of campaign team meetings
 - NWI personnel participate in Employee Safety and Improvement Team
 - NWI personnel participate in AMWTP "All Hands" meetings





Successful BBWI/NWI Results

- 2,300m³ (2,000 MLLW containers) compliantly shipped
- No lost work time
- Only one recordable injury (dust spec in eye)









CCP Characterization Processes











BBWI/CCP Integration

- The ISM core functions are satisfied the same for CCP
 - CCP operates under BBWI's ISM Program.
- Additional BBWI/CCP Integration
- Formal Non-Conformance Report (NCR) transfer process between CCP and BBWI to ensure adverse conditions on transferred drums are formally communicated





Successful BBWI/CCP Results

- 30,000 drums characterized by CCP
- CCP operations have perfect safety record (CCP operational at AMWTP since May 1, 2005)







Summary

- ISM helps ensure a safe and compliant workplace
- Maintaining a safe and compliant workplace is paramount to the future of a DOE contractor and its subcontractors
- BBWI applies ISM uniformly to all its contractors



